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Participants SA Travis Taylor (Taylor)  
SA Samuel Hartman (Hartman)  
F L J (J )

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Taylor	(UI) stay out of it or what would you say?
J	Who, what do you mean?
Taylor	Subhanah and Hujrah, were they involved in the...
J	In the (UI) thing?
Taylor	Like, did they only care for the other children or was it everyone who was taking care of everybody there?
J	Everyone was taking care of everybody.
Taylor	Um, hum.
Taylor	Did they watch over Abdul as well? Subhanah and...
J	Yeah, everybody (UI)
Taylor	Um, hum.
Hartman	Was he, last place?
J	In the tunnel.
Hartman	In the tunnel?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Alright, and um, let's talk about something else, that's easier for you. We'll talk about something else. You know, I imagine that you cared for him and this is probably, it probably feels good but at the same time it's probably hard to talk about it.
Hartman	Do you need any more water or anything? No.
J	No
Taylor	Do you need a snack?
Hartman	Do you want us to give you a minute?
Taylor	Well, again, I really, we....both Sam and I appreciate that, that takes a lot of integrity telling the truth and very strong guise that you have there that you just.....coming from someone so young, it's pretty amazing. So...
Hartman	You've got a bright future. You keep doing the right thing and you do. We've told you, we're not lying to you. We're not, when we say you're a good kid, we really believe it. Like we can, when you walked in here, we can tell right away just by the way you walk, the way you smile, the way talk to people, you're a good kid.
Taylor	Um, hum.
Hartman	So, thank you. Does it feel better to get it off your chest and....
Taylor	So, we're gonna have questions for you, you know. I hope that telling us the truth will also feel just

	as good as it did hopefully now and maybe today you might be a little unhappy but in the next days, I'm sure you'll feel that this you know burden has been lifted and you had talked about it. And I grew up in Texas. I shot guns as well. We talked about shooting with your step-dad (UI) was involved in Georgia right? You started in Georgia?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Every Friday?
J	Yeah
Taylor	It sounds like a good bonding time. Your brother and step-dad got out there and go to a range.
J	Yeah
Taylor	What kind of guns do you shoot out there? Like in Georgia?
J	The only drill, we did the, we did his 1911..
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	And his revolver and the AR-15. The AR-15 you have to do it, (UI) so we mostly did the pistols.
Taylor	Ok and (UI) was a 45 caliber?
J	We, all we had was 40 caliber, I think (UI)
Taylor	It gets some more kick than the AR, doesn't it?
J	Yeah, yeah.
Taylor	Um, how old were you there in Georgia when you started shooting?
J	I think I was 13....then 14.
Taylor	Ok, (UI) a bunch too. It's good to know how to use a weapon cause if you don't know it you can't be safe with it. So...it's good to know how to be safe with a weapon.
J	Yeah
Taylor	I'm sure your step-dad told you how to be safe with one.
J	Yeah
Taylor	When you started shooting just for fun or did he tell you why he wanted to go....why he took you out shooting?
J	In Georgia (UI) if anybody tried to hurt us, use it, you know what I'm saying?
Hartman	If anybody what?
J	Tried to hurt us.
Hartman	Tried to hurt you?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Did you ever carry any of the weapons?
J	No, I wasn't allowed.
Taylor	Not in Georgia or just?

J	I wasn't allowed....I was allowed to carry on the range.
Taylor	Yeah
J	But not on the (UI)
Taylor	Yeah, what does he have to be like 18 to carry a weapon or something?
Hartman	Probably
J	Yeah
Hartman	At least off your property....parental, right?
Taylor	Yeah, so then you came to New Mexico and then you obviously have a shooting range anywhere near you all, I'm assuming, right? Cause it's a pretty remote area. (LAUGHS)
J	We never left.
Taylor	Yeah
J	We mostly stayed up there.
Taylor	And there's a gun range that Wahli built?
J	Yeah, me and him built it.
Taylor	Yeah, is that a lot of work?
J	Yeah, it was a lot of work
Taylor	Is it like building a (UI) Why was it a lot of work?
J	Naw, we just made like a tire wall, built an earth ship. And we put a whole bunch of dirt to the bullets can't go through the thing.
Taylor	Right
J	We tested it out to see if they don't go through the (UI) Only went like this far into it and it stopped.
Taylor	Construction
Hartman	Tires then burn?
J	Yeah
Hartman	Is that right? So, it would go through the tires?
J	Right, so not the bullets because it wouldn't go through the tires.
Hartman	Wouldn't even go through, if they did make it though..
J	The dirt would stop it.
Hartman	Yeah
J	(UI) 40 caliber (UI)
Taylor	Good construction work. And then, would you do, what kind of shooting did you do on those ranges.
J	Ah, we did (UI) like a score something like that but talk about (UI) stuff like that and how to aim the gun, and walk and shoot.
Taylor	Um, hum.

J	Like we played, like they say, (UI) he taught tactical reload and speed reload.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	And he taught me how to (UI) tactical reload, speed reload, (UI)
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	And they taught us how to use a 308, sniper rifle....
Taylor	Right
J	...and then how to walk and like clear a house, kind of, we have to like a little barrier.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	And he used to like (UI) He used to go like this way. (UI) he tells us the clock system.
Taylor	Um, hum. That's pretty advanced training.
J	Yeah
Taylor	You play video games right?
J	Yeah, (UI)
Taylor	I was going to ask you..
J	Yeah
Taylor	Seam pretty similar to that kind of stuff?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Yeah
J	Yeah
Taylor	I mean that's going at a range and shoot a target, that's a hobby, that's fun. When you start kind of learning how to clear rooms that's usually for a purpose. Did....what was the purpose?
J	To clear the room?
Taylor	Yeah, yeah.
J	I think it was just to like to know if you ever have to do it, I guess.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	Yeah, and then I'm not really sure about (UI) to know about if you have clear a room.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	(UI) about SWAT stuff. And like he used to tell us stories about like how, I don't know if it's the FBI or whatever, like and he'd have to like kill somebody or something like that. And then they um, you'd have to bring back something to know that you actually killed them whatever. He used to tell stories like that. (UI) enough stories (UI) how stuff (UI)
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	And they have the same thing in the game too, like ah, um, confirm kill.

Taylor	Um, hum.
J	Yeah
Hartman	Ah, that's....that's ah....
J	(UI) like a thing.
Hartman	Yeah
J	(UI) like a little key thing.
Hartman	Yeah
J	Up over the body.
Hartman	ID tags
J	Yeah, you don't get the kill, if you don't do it.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	Yeah
Taylor	So, I want to reiterate, you're not in trouble and if you were told to do something, it's not your fault. Um, and I'm not saying that you shooting is not (UI) but, um... Is there anything that you are not telling us? And...and I know you said your (UI) been shot because self defense, is there any other purpose that you're not telling us about?
J	Um, I don't think so.
Hartman	You know, so...
Taylor	You're weighing the decision right now, we can see it. Should I tell him the truth or hold it in? This is what's gonna happen, be a burden on you.
Hartman	What was the target?
J	The target was...we were shooting at paper targets.
Hartman	No, no, no. What were you training for?
J	Ugh, ugh...
Hartman	It wasn't just....the type of stuff you're doing...law enforcement, military do that, ok. Regular people don't do that. Regular people go to the range and they shoot for sport, they hunt. They don't do the training that you do. Ok, remember, we....we know stuff and we're waiting for you to tell us the truth again. It's not.....I know it's hard. You already did it once today and we're at that moment again.
J	So, ugh, we thought the FBI was watching us (UI) like shoot and train (UI)
Taylor	In case the FBI ever came onto the property?
J	Yeah and (UI) my (UI) so...
Hartman	What else?
J	My uncle he thought the CSI was watching us (UI) CSI. He thought he filed bunker otherwise he I forgot how it looks like. (UI) CIA bunker, basically just training for...
Taylor	So, you talked about people coming on the property.

	Do you remember training for (UI) property?
J	No, we said it was only legal to shoot on our property. He said he had.....these Mexicans came on somebodies land and (UI) I think he said it was like twelve people and then they shot 'em. (UI) and stuff like that. And he called the cops to come to pick up the bodies (UI)
Hartman	So, what you're talking about right there is home defense, alright. You don't need to clear rooms and do to any type of training like that, so just need to do target practice to defend your home, ok. So, what was the other training for?
J	To clear over?
Hartttman	Yes
J	Yeah, (UI)
Hartman	Come on.
J	No, he never told me and if he did I....I don't remember. I just know we did a whole lots of different training. You have to train so if anything ever comes up.
Taylor	So, it was training for defense and it was training for attack. And you're saying you never trained, and again, you're not in trouble, someone was, you know leading this training. You never trained for an attack to attack?
J	No
Taylor	It's alright, you can tell us.
Hartman	And you're not....you're 15 right? You're not making these decisions and we know that.
Taylor	You're not an adult until you're 18.
Hartman	You're still not in trouble but there's more there, we can tell. It might be something pretty bad but you're not going to get in trouble for telling us.
J	Um, so like they told me that, so he told me that Abdul like, if he wakes up, my mom used to open up the Quran and she'd said bad stuff. She told me that she asked God, she said that Abdul was going to be Jesus when he wakes up, or whatever, so she said after he wakes up we're gonna have to go through the world, whatever, and get rid of the people that don't want to become (UI) or whatever. I guess, (UI) that's what the house cleaner was for. Cause you have to get rid of the bad people so he said.
Hartman	Do you go someplace to get rid of the bad people?
J	Huh?
Hartman	Do you go someplace to get rid of the bad people?

J	Go someplace?
Hartman	Yeah, like you told me you say clear to get rid of the bad people, like you're talking about your own home?
J	Home?
Taylor	Is there a location that you think that your mom was talking about?
J	It wasn't a place, a bad corrupt system.
Hartman	The bad what?
J	Corrupt systems.
Hartman	The corrupt systems?
J	Yeah, like ah, corrupt systems, my mom she mentions like the banks are stealing money and stuff like that. But if they don't like do good, whatever....
Hartman	Is the education system a bad system?
J	The who?
Hartman	Schools?
J	No, (UI)
Taylor	Are you sure?
J	Yeah, she would talk about the big companies, like police (UI) and all that stuff.
Taylor	I don't want 85% of the truth. We want 100% so. Are you sure? There's not certain details you're leaving out here?
J	Nnnn, no.
Hartman	Who talked about school?
J	We never talked about schools. I mean, we talked about the corrupt um teachers but we didn't talk anything with the kids cause the kids don't know anything.
Hartman	But teachers could be corrupt?
J	Probably
Hartman	And it would be ok to go into the school?
J	No, she didn't say go into the school, the messengers will take care of corrupt people.
Taylor	Do teachers fall under that category?
J	I don't know. She said police....
Taylor	It's alright, you can tell us.
J	Police and you know like CSI or something like that. And that was it, I guess, yeah.
Taylor	Was there ever a plan on how to do it? How to do that?
J	Well, she said that when he wakes up, he'll tell us.
Taylor	Did you ever see anything that your mom or your dad write in a journal or a book?
J	(UI) trailer (UI) I know she wrote in three books.

	But I didn't see what was written. She (UI) I'm not sure what else she wrote.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	I know, I never read all three of them all the way. (UI)
Taylor	You only read some of her books?
J	Some of the first book (UI).
Taylor	Anything you think we should know about?
J	I know she said that ah, um, Abdul's mother is like a (UI) I know (UI)
Taylor	And did, so, you talked about when Abdul comes back, this is what happens or Abdul will tell you.
J	What to do, she said (UI)
Hartman	Do you believe that?
J	My mom told (UI) (LAUGHS)
Hartman	Seriously? Do you believe that?
J	No
Hartman	You know, don't you?
J	Yeah, I never really believed it. I was just going cause (UI)
Taylor	Um, hum. Do you think that your mom or step-dad would actually hurt someone? Carry out those...
J	My mom never hurt nobody but (UI)
Taylor	Well then why all the training if you wouldn't be planning to hurt somebody? It's ok, if he told you something.
J	He said what happens, is that you gotta be ready. (UI)
Taylor	Did your mom and dad ever talk to anyone or watch anything that would have influenced them, this idea of corruption about the teachers, the police and the military?
J	Um, I don't know. But, I know, had some thoughts about it cause inside the Quran, it says that he (UI)
Taylor	Um, hum. Have you ever seen your mom or Wahli watching videos or anything on the internet to gain knowledge on this?
J	No, my mom (UI) she really had the phone just to talk to her brother in (UI) tell him what's going on. (UI)
Taylor	And you all are getting your internet access at John Adams? That's the only place you can get internet access?
J	No the phones are the only thing.
Taylor	So, while at the residence, you could access the

	internet?
J	Yeah
Taylor	Were the phones or electronic devices hidden or were they always just laying around?
J	I used to get on mom's and watch t.v.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	(UI) too.
Taylor	What about your mom or dad, did they hide their devises or...
J	No. My dad's phone was always in the closet.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	Or inside his pocket.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	And my mom's same thing was on the shelf or on her lap whatever.
Taylor	Were there passwords for those phones or could you get on them?
J	My dad had a password but he the same password since Georgia.
Taylor	So, I'm assuming you know what it is?
J	Yeah, I know it. So, I could get on it and watch videos.
Taylor	Can you tell us what it is?
J	The password?
Taylor	Yeah
J	1266
Taylor	Ok, is there a particular rhyme or reason for that?
J	The number?
Taylor	Yeah
J	I think that was the number he used to use for his credit card.
Taylor	Got you, like a pin?
J	Yeah
Taylor	And you're sure you hadn't seen him actually talk to anyone that you know guided him in this thought?
J	He tried to talk my uncle..
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	..ugh so (UI)
Taylor	Right, understand. Did anyone teach or guide your parents in this way, this thought?
J	No, (UI) My dad saw an angel too. That's why he just (UI)
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	They tried to talk to Nafisa about it. They'd tell her a whole bunch of stuff and what they'd do like her a magic. And she got mad and they (UI). So

	uncle went to the house then they said that my mom said that they sent like mercenaries or whatever to try to kill us. My dad, uncle said they kept on seeing 3 cars drive by, drive up and down the block. But both of the cars wasn't home so they figured anybody wasn't home.
Taylor	So, let me just clarify that, your mom and dad tried to talk to Nafisa about...
J	Yes
Taylor	....this stuff?
J	Yeah
Taylor	And then soon after cars started coming by...
J	Yeah, no, no, no. That's when we packed up..
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	.....that's when we got the phone call...
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	..that she got mad, angry, (UI) I don't know what she said. So, then we went to our auntie's house for two days.
Taylor	Right
J	...and so my uncle and my step-dad went back there..
Taylor	To the house that you all stayed at...yeah.
J	And then kept on seeing, and then my mom said that she opened up the book, Quran, cause she said that mercenaries they tried to kill us.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	They went back to the house and um 3 cars kept on driving by, drive up and down the road.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	Those 3 cars would just keep on driving by, it's a quiet road. Just keep on driving by, that's when we left Alabama (UI)
Taylor	Can you give me specifics on what ah your parents told Nafisa? Like, we talked in general but..
J	I don't know what they said cause they went to the house (UI) and that's when I was supposed to stay home to watch the kids.
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	I don't know what they said.
Taylor	What do you think they told them?
J	I don't know, she was like (UI) so..
Taylor	Is there a description you think we would understand?
J	(UI)
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	She used to like to write down and tell (UI) I never

	did, I never got to read it but...
Taylor	And so when you....when people say that they left Atlanta because there's people they trusted..
J	Say that again.
Taylor	When..when your parents said they left Atlanta because there was people that they trusted..
J	They couldn't trust.
Taylor	They trusted and were betrayed.
J	Yeah, that's what (UI)
Taylor	Do you think that you told us everything that we would want to know? You've given us the whole truth on everything we've asked you about cause it's very important?
J	Yeah
Taylor	I think there's still one topic, we want to discuss and that is what you told your foster parents. Remember when you started off with that and it didn't seem like you wanted to tell us the truth and then we talked about some other things. You found out that you weren't going to be in trouble for telling the truth.
J	(UI) I remember she asked me, I remember we would listen to the radio...
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	...and there was something about 3 women going to jail and my brother thought, (UI) my parents, our parents (UI) and she asked me about Abdul. And then I said the last time I saw him was in Georgia.
Taylor	Um, hum. Nothing about schools were mentioned?
J	About schools?
Taylor	About schools yup? Training for something to do at a school, nothing like that was ever mentioned?
J	(UI)
Taylor	Did you talk to your foster parents about what your mom and dad believed and what corrupt institutions were?
J	I told...I told them about the beliefs and will not eat pork and I told them the girls have to were the scarfs and something like that.
Taylor	(UI) Islamic?
J	Yeah
Taylor	What about teachers and police (UI)
J	(UI)
Taylor	You've been honest with us so far.
J	Yeah
Taylor	This is another moment...

J	That I'm not being honest?
Taylor	I can only tell you what we know. And it doesn't feel like you're telling us the full truth here.
J	(UI) listen to the radio, we'd turn it off and she'd ask me about A and I told him the last was in Georgia. She said, do you know where he's at? (UI) tell nobody
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	(UI) yeah.
Taylor	You read a lot about the Quran, and so lots of Quranic versus (UI) (OL)
J	I only read a little Arabic, um I really don't understand the Arabic.
Taylor	So you read Arabic but you don't know what you're actually reading?
J	Yeah
Taylor	The text?
J	Every time we read the English one (UI) prayers..
Taylor	Did your mom and dad ever.....were there specific versus of the Quran your mom and dad would teach you routinely?
J	No, it just (UI)
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	...you have to start off from the beginning, if you start off from the end (UI)
Taylor	Do you think that there is anyone that they were trying to use to incite violence that they're certain text every religion that can be used to cause someone to commit a violent act? Was there any...
J	Not that I know of.
Taylor	Yeah
J	She used to open the book, like (UI)
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	(UI) and she used to read the (UI). Like she used to ask me questions. And then...
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	I know she said um, we were gonna stay inside the tunnel and she said, we were gonna stay there for as long as she said for 4 months (UI) that's when the police came and (UI)
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	So..
Taylor	Was there a plan to leave New Mexico?
J	I know the kids didn't believe it.
Taylor	Say that again.

J	I said, I know really all the kids didn't really believe it. All the little kids.
Taylor	They didn't believe it?
J	(UI) It's like he's never gonna wake up. And he's lying, whatever..
Taylor	Um, hum.
J	And then um (UI) she said he went down and Huhjah and my mom....
Taylor	Um, hum. So, you talked about your dad training....
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